

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, methamphetamine is an illegal, highly toxic and addictive drug associated with violence, child abuse, and a host of other problem behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the use, distribution, and manufacture of methamphetamine continue at unacceptable levels in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the number of methamphetamine treatment admissions to South Carolina's county alcohol and drug abuse authorities increased by 87% between 2000 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine addiction is a serious, yet treatable, health care problem; and

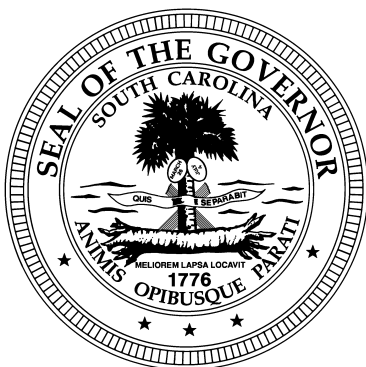
WHEREAS, uniting against the manufacture, use, and abuse of methamphetamine, the Palmetto State has formed the South Carolina Methamphetamine Action Group; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine abuse is a community problem that is best addressed through a variety of strategies that bring together education, treatment and criminal justice resources in a coordinated, individualized approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2006, as

METH ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce the demand for methamphetamine and to reach out to those who have already suffered the negative effects of this dangerous drug.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA